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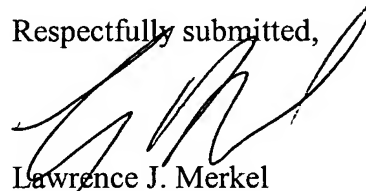
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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the formal drawings for the above-referenced application and requests that these drawings be accepted for filing.

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